

MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM (GOSV)

AmeriCorps Funding at a Glance

National Funding Priority Areas:

1. Disaster Services
2. Economic Opportunity
3. Education
4. Environmental Stewardship
5. Healthy Futures
6. Veterans & Military Families

Eligible Applicants for AmeriCorps Grants: Nonprofit and government organizations with the capacity to support an AmeriCorps program and provide the monitoring and reporting required for a federal grant

Key Elements for AmeriCorps Programming—the Big 4: Unmet community need in national priority funding area, engagement of AmeriCorps members in direct human and/or environmental service, measurable and attainable community outcomes within the AmeriCorps term of service, and transformational service experience for AmeriCorps members

Types of Programs Funded: Various, including rural youth conservation corps, urban teacher corps, intergenerational school-based programming; based on identified local community need

Maryland AmeriCorps Funding Cycles: Fall (national competition) and spring (state competition); the program period for next funding cycle is September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015

Estimated Total Program Funding: In the most recent funding cycle, grants ranged from \$133,000 to \$686,000; the GOSV typically receives more than twice as much in requests as funds available.

Matching Funds Required: Minimum 24% cash or in-kind

Prohibited Activities (for AmeriCorps members, staff, and volunteers): Political advocacy and religious instruction; limits on fund raising and clerical support

How to Apply? Submit a Concept Paper by February 28, 2014, to be considered for the 2014 State AmeriCorps grant competition. If invited to apply, the deadline for a full grant application submission will be April 11, 2014.

GOSV Grant Assistance: Monthly funding overview webinars; registration for events, Concept Paper Instructions, and other resources at GOSV.maryland.gov.

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